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Applicant : Kristoph D. Krug et al. Art Unit: 2311
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OBJECTS

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RESPONSE

Responsive to the office action mailed May 6, 1994,
please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

57. (Amended) A method for detecting a specific given material that may be present in an ensemble of objects in which different materials may overlie or underlie the given material, comprising

providing a stationary x-ray source adapted to expose a region of an ensemble of objects to x-ray radiation, and a stationary x-ray detector adapted to detect x-ray radiation transmitted through the ensemble of objects,

exposing regions of the ensemble to x-ray radiation, for each region, detecting the transmitted x-ray radiation [energy] and computer processing the [resulting] detected signal to generate data representing attenuation of the transmitted x-ray radiation through said region,

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